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Westmont Neighborhood
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Location: 418 Luzerne Street, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large two-family house. Two-and-a-half stories. Side-gable roof with large front gable. Wood frame with wood shingle exterior. Front porch with shed roof and enclosed porch/sun room. One-story wood-frame garage built on the alley.

History: This house was occupied by three generations of the architect's family. The house was designed by architect Henry M. Rogers sometime between 1908 and 1913 as his personal residence. He acquired the property from Cambria Iron Co. in August 12, 1908, for \$2,800. The company's deed stipulated that he could build one single dwelling house at a cost of not less than \$4,500. The house appeared on the 1913 Sanborn map. The house is located on tree-lined Luzerne Street, an affluent area which has many other Rogers-designed houses.

Henry M. and his wife Elfrieda K. Rogers lived at the Luzerne Street address as he practiced architecture in Westmont and the Cambria County area. Upon the marriage of George Rogers's daughter, the couple resided in the other half of the large house. The house is still owned by the family. Mrs. Libby Newbaker, the architect's daughter, occupies one side. Rogers's grandson, Philip Newbaker, and his family occupy the other half of the house.

Sources:

Deed Records, (216:367, 664:326), Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Fulton, John. Map Showing Westmont Borough, Cambria County, Pa., May 27, 1892, collection of Egin Corporation, Civil Engineering, Johnstown, Pa.

Interview with Phillip Newbaker, grandson of Henry Rogers, August 10, 1988.

Sanborn Map Co., Westmont, Pennsylvania, (New York: The Sanborn Map Co., 1913).

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